

Sports Connection

Big Week for MV Ball

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The Wildcats of Maquoketa Valley are leaving a lasting impression on the teams they've played these past couple of weeks. Victory has been everywhere for the Cats. The boys and girls basketball teams have taken on teams like Alburnett, Marion, Cascade, and Monticello.

January 28th the boys made a trip to Alburnett. The Cats stomped the Pirates winning 63-27. The team had a free throw percentage of 64.3 at the game.

Robbie Mohr led in scoring with a total of 17 points. Blake Humpal earned 12 points from four shots, including two three point shots and two free throws. Right behind him was Donny Nordmann with 11 points from four shots and three free throws. Chris Klaren added seven points to the score and Jonny Thomas added six points. Jake Norlin made two shots and



Amy Conrad makes her way around a Monticello defender in Tuesday night's game. The Cats won, and results will be in next week's Echo.



Kelli Dabroski was honored Saturday night for surpassing the 1000 career point mark early last week.

one free throw for five points and Jeremy Dircks put in two points.

"We had a tough shooting environment," stated Coach Rundquist, "but overcame this for an impressive win."

The next day Marion came to Delhi looking for a win. The Wildcats didn't let that happen, they won the game 54-44. The Cats had a total of six turnovers and 31 rebounds at the game against Marion.

"We had to overcome our worst shooting percentage of the year (34.6%)," remarked Coach Rundquist, "but we had a tremendous defensive effort."

Mohr again led in scoring with a total of 19 points from five shots including one three point shot and eight free throws. Thomas added 10 points and Humpal added nine points. Norlin made three shots and two free throws for eight points and Nordmann made three shots for six points. Philip Roling earned two points for the team.

Most recently the Wildcats met up with the Monticello team on February 1st. With another ten point gap, the Cats had another victory at home. The final score of the game was 41-31. This win gave Coach Rundquist his 550th career win. He is now 550-249 in his 30+ years of coaching.

This time Thomas led the pack with 17 points. Humpal made three three-point shots and one free throw for 10 points. Nordmann earned eight points for the team

and Norlin added five points. Mohr made one free throw for one point.

Turning now to the girls varsity team, January 25th they took on Cascade at home. The Wildcats attacked the Cougars with a victory, 51-31. The Cats had a free throw percentage of 62.5 at the game.

Kelli Dabroski was the lead scorer with an impressive 25 points! These points put her over the 1000 career points mark.

Amy Conrad added eight points and close behind her was Megan Kramer with seven points. Michelle Tumey made two shots and one free throw for five points and Jordan Gibbs made one shot and two free throws for four points. Krista Steger added two points to the final score.

The Cats next met up with Alburnett. Making the attack, the girls won 79-43! At this game the Wildcats had a free throw percentage of 80.9 percent and a goal percentage of 52.5 percent.

"This was a great team play and great running," commented Coach Pestka.

Conrad led in scoring with 19 points from nine shots and one free throw. Behind her was Tumey with 18 points from five shots and eight free throws. Steger added 12 points and Dabroski added 11 points. Kramer made four shots for eight points at the game. Melissa Wegmann added five points and Sarah Stelken earned four points for the team. Stacy Digman made one shot for two points.

Marion also made a trip to take on the varsity girls. The Wildcats defended their home court and won, 44-34. The Cats had a total of 12 turnovers and 25 rebounds at the game.

Dabroski led the team with 20 points. This game also marked her reaching 1000 points! Conrad and Kramer each added seven points to the score and Wegmann put in five points. Tumey made one shot and one free throw for three points and Steger made one shot for two points.

Tonight the Wildcats have a home game against Ed-Co. Cheer for the Cats!